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DEVELOPMENT OF FLORICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the southern districts of Karnataka are growing export quality flowers;

(b) if so, the assistance provided to the State for the development of floriculture;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a flower auction centre in Bangalore to promote export to international markets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The Government of India implemented a Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture during 8th and 9th Five year Plan till October, 2000. The scheme provided for quality planting material through model floriculture centres and nurseries, training of entrepreneurs, green houses, on-farm handling units and area expansion with improved cultivars. The scheme has now been subsumed in Centrally Sponsored Scheme`Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of Statesefforts through work plan`. The scheme provides greater flexibility to States in prioritizing their needs.

An amount of Rs.65.00 Crores and Rs.80.00 Crores have been allocated for Karnataka under the scheme during 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Agricultural Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA) has received a proposal from Government of Karnataka for setting up of flower auction centre in two phases. APEDA has approved the proposal and sanctioned an amount of Rs.3.57 Crores.